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# RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL AND FEE AUTHORIZATION

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| ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: 18733/00040                                 |                          | APPLICATION NO.: 09/803,560 |                              |
| FILING DATE:<br>March 9, 2001                                    | CONFIRMATION NO:<br>7306 | CUSTOMER NO.<br>24731       | EXAMINER:<br>Marc Q. Jimenez |
| INVENTOR(S): Akira TSUBOUCHI, et al.                             |                          |                             |                              |
| TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING A HOLLOW RACK SHAFT |                          |                             |                              |

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PATENT APPLICATION IS:

- ☒ (A) A response to the Office Action dated: August 18, 2003
- ☒ (B) A Petition for Extension of Time  
☒ for 1 month ☐ for 2 months ☐ for 3 months;  
A Petition for Extension of Time, having been previously filed,  
☐ for 1 month ☐ for 2 months ☐ for 3 months
- ☐ (C) A Notice of Appeal. \$
- ☐ (D) An Appellant's Brief on Appeal. \$
- ☐ (E) Other: \$
- ☐ (F) A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27  
☐ Small entity status under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been previously established  
☐ The claims fee, if any, has been calculated as shown below

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Signature

December 18, 2003

Date of Signature

|   | CLAIMS<br>REMAINING<br>AFTER<br>AMENDMENT |       | HIGHEST NO.<br>PREVIOUSLY<br>PAID FOR | PRESENT<br>EXTRA |
|---|---|-------|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| TOTAL                                     |   | MINUS |                                       |                  |
| INDEP.                                    |   | MINUS |                                       |                  |
| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM |   |       |                                       |                  |

## SMALL ENTITY

| RATE               | ADD'L FEE |
|--------------------|-----------|
| x \$9              | \$        |
| x \$43             |           |
| + \$145            |           |
| TOTAL<br>ADD'L FEE | \$ 0.00   |

## LARGE ENTITY

| RATE               | ADD'L FEE |
|--------------------|-----------|
| x \$18             | \$        |
| x \$86             |           |
| + \$290            |           |
| TOTAL<br>ADD'L FEE | \$ 0.00   |

OR

- ☒ Please charge \$110.00 to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260, which includes  
☐ the amount of \$ for the claims fee calculated above AND/OR  
☒ the amount of \$110.00 for the fee for item(s) ☒ (B) ☐ (C) ☐ (D) ☐ (E) ☐ (F)
- ☒ Please charge any additional fees (other than issue fee) required during the pendency of this application  
to Deposit Account No. 18-1260. Please credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-1260.
- ☒ A duplicate copy of this Response Transmittal and Fee Authorization is enclosed.

December 18, 2003  
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